

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the Specification to clarify that Application No. 10/144,028 is now U.S. Patent No. 6,669,982. Applicants have also amended claims 15-17 to more appropriately define the invention. Claims 15-17 are pending in the present application, and claims 11-14 and 18-24 have been withdrawn from consideration as drawn to non-elected inventions.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification and requested clarification in the first paragraph thereof; rejected claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement; and rejected claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Examiner also provisionally rejected claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, statutory double patenting, over claims 15-17 of copending Application No. 10/697,260.

Applicants acknowledge the provisional double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, and respectfully request that this rejection be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated in the present application. Applicants also reserve the right to traverse the rejection and file a terminal disclaimer.

Applicants submit that the amendments to the Specification and claims 15-17 overcome the objection to the Specification and the rejections of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.


In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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*With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b)